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#### AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This paper is submitted in response to the pending Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on January 15, 2003. Applicant submits that no extension-of-time, or related fee, is required for this Amendment and Response to be entered and considered. However, please consider this a conditional petition for the proper extension, if one is required, and a conditional authorization to charge any related extension fees or other fees necessary for entry of this paper to Deposit Account No. 20-0531.

Please make the following amendments, without prejudice, and consider the following remarks.

#### In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-10, 11, 24, and 35 without prejudice, and amend claims 12, 13, 17, 21-23, 25, 26, 30, 33, 34, 36-39, 42, 44, and 45 as set forth in the attached marked-up version of the amended claims to read as follows. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(1)(ii), a marked up version of the claim amendment is attached at the end of this Amendment and Response.



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